



## KETTLE MORaine LAND TRUST

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### **Progress Report - Delavan Lake Watershed Initiative Network January 20, 2012**

Major highlights and progress of Kettle Moraine Land Trust's work to facilitate the Delavan Lake Watershed Initiative Network (WIN) since the last monthly report are described below. This report reflects only three weeks of effort due to the holiday break.

1. The Outreach & Education Workgroup met on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The Delavan Lake WIN Community Awareness Day planning progressed: Roll Out the Barrel! – A WIN for Delavan Lake! will be held from 10:00 – 6:00 on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Community Park. Two presentations will be given; native plants available; shoreline buffer & garden consultations offered; identifying a planting demonstration site; soil and water test kits will be available; water quality resources and exhibitors on site; media invited; summer watershed tours advertised. Criteria for evaluation of event success includes an increase in the number of website users, at least 70 rain barrels sold, articles in local newspapers and follow-up article in local paper.

Summer Tours: The Walworth County Annual Prairie Walk is being moved into the watershed, tentatively at the Mound Road Wetlands; a July or August date is being proposed; parking and presentations to be defined; investigating potential of week day and weekend dates. This event is designed to raise awareness of the value of wetlands in protecting and improving water quality; to raise interest of land owners to restore wetlands in the watershed.

2. Delavan Lake WIN website went live on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Content and projects continue to be added to the site. Building links with WIN Partners, adding projects, publicizing website to schools, subdivisions, homeowners associations, businesses and municipalities are the next steps.
3. University of Wisconsin – Whitewater has become an official WIN partner by executing the Memorandum of Understanding. Professor Bruce Eshelman of the Biology Department will be the University Representative and also serve as a lake and watershed monitoring advisor.

4. Lake and Watershed monitoring program work continues through clarifying commitments of each of the Partners involved; a commitment letter is being developed with input from the team that will finalize roles and responsibilities of each Partner.

Upcoming DL WIN meetings:

- Outreach & Education Workgroup; February 15, 2012
- Delavan Lake WIN Community Informational Meeting (Jackson Creek River Protection Plan); February 22, 6:30 – 9:30 PM, Lake Lawn Resort Conference Center. **NEW DATE**
- Delavan Lake WIN Steering Committee; February 23, 2012